

4. *Works.*—Fifty-one estimates relating to the construction and other works were passed during the year by the Board at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,42,608. Sixty Construction Works were in progress during the year at an outlay of Rs. 49,694, of which 36 were incomplete works of the previous year and the remaining 24 were fresh works. Twenty-three sewerage works were in progress during the year and the number of house connections given was 410 against 317 in the previous year.

Three model houses were newly constructed in Narasimharaja Mohalla out of the Narasimharaja Building Fund at an aggregate cost of Rs. 2,494. Three more houses for the use of the Military Pensioners were under construction in the same Mohalla. Of the sixteen model houses that were under construction in Vani Vilas Mohalla at the close of the previous year, eight were completed during the year and the remaining eight were nearing completion.

The receipts under the Palace and Narasimharaja Building Funds from the start of the funds' operations up to the end of the year under report amounted to Rs. 1,01,373 and expenditure to Rs. 88,782. A sum of Rs. 2,052-3-10 was recovered during the year on account of the model houses already sold.

5. *Progress in acquisition work.*—Twenty properties were declared for acquisition during the year. Sixteen properties were acquired under the Land Acquisition Regulation besides two acquired by mutual agreement. The amount of compensation paid was Rs. 9,578.

6. *House-building Loans and Advances.*—Loans to the extent of Rs. 1,080 were granted during the year to Municipal and Trust Board employees. No advances were made during the year. The amount of loans and advances outstanding at the end of the year was Rs. 12,330, of which Rs. 11,573 were due from Municipal and Trust Board Employees. It is hoped that instalments towards these loans and advances are being recovered regularly in accordance with the terms of the bonds and that proper action taken in cases of default.

7. *Audit of Accounts.*—The accounts of the Board for the year 1931-32 were audited by an Assistant Comptroller of the Comptroller's Office in August 1932.

R. RANGA RAO,

Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Viceroy's Earthquake Fund.

No. G. 5192—G.M. 120-33-2, dated 23rd January 1934.

The following appeal, dated 19th January 1934, issued by His Excellency the Viceroy in connection with the recent earthquake is published for general information:—

"A very serious calamity has recently overtaken a large number of our fellow countrymen, especially in the Province of Bihar and Orissa, as a result of a severe earthquake which was experienced last Monday afternoon. In a moment of time, whilst no accurate details are as yet forthcoming, it is no exaggeration to say that there has been an appalling loss of life. Countless homes have been destroyed, and over a wide area, property and possessions have been annihilated, and have ceased to exist. At such a time, I feel confident that the sympathy of all classes of the people in this country goes out to those who have been involved in this disaster, and that efforts to alleviate their sufferings will meet a ready response. I have, therefore, decided to set up a fund, which will be known as the "Viceroy's Earthquake Fund."

Subscriptions should be sent direct to the Private Secretary to the Viceroy, Viceroy's House, New Delhi, and will be acknowledged individually."

(Signed) Willingdon.

By Order,

S. ABDUL WAJID,

*Secretary to Government,
Development Department.*